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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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In response to PCT/DO/EO/905 mailed November 5, 2001, we enclose herewith the executed declaration and accurate English translation which were omitted at the time of filing the application.

The required 37 CFR 1.492(e) and 37 CFR 1.492(f) surcharges were paid at the time of filing the application.

Applicants hereby claim small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 and request that 1/2 of the original filing fee, namely \$510.00, be credited to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 as small entity status is claimed within the three-month term.

Attached hereto is a Preliminary Amendment.

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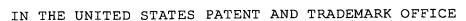
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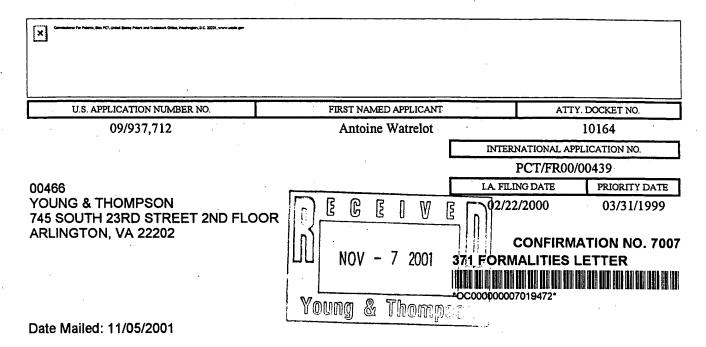
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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Priority Document
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- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Request for Immediate Examination

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English.
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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